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In years past the annexation idea was a popular one there, but not so now.

The annexation of Manchester to Richmond was depeted, ber finances were in a wretched condition, her bonds were below par, but the need of greatly impaired, a convergement and finances is all, so that she might be able to attempt the title of ill-fortune that had been improved the control of the city. Full control of the city is not to the city of the city, and the city of the city is not to the city. Full control the city of the city

known.

Her shabby streets of former years, which won for her the name of "Mudchester," by which many people were went to call her, are being converted into thoroughfares than which there are few prettier in the country; she has abundant water supply, which also provides protection against fire without the use of fire-engines, having a strong tower-pressure; a syndicate is now asking permission of the Council to establish gas-works and a system of sewerage; she has one street railway traversing her entire length and two others that will soon be in operation, and her finances and other municipal adairs are in a most healthy condition, her bonded debt is small, and her bonds are eagerly sought for whenever placed on the market.

Altogether, the city is now one of the most prosperons in the State, and her outlook is gratifying and full of hope to all who feel an interest in her success. The population has increased about 70 percent, during the last ten years, and in almost half that time there has been an advance of nearly a million dollars in her realty values.

CONSENSUS OF OFINION.

Two weeks ago the Disputch, seeing that Richmond will soon have to extend her borders in some direction, interviewed a number of leading fusiness men and large property-owners on the desirability of extension and what territory should be taken in. One or two of those whose opinions were quoted suggested that Manchester be annexed, so that the growth of Richmond might hereafter be brond as well as long. Since then this question of annexation has been very generally discussed both in Richmond and Manchester, and much interest is felt in the matter.

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Nearly all of the Richmond people whose opinions have been asked endorse the idea and think the consolidation on a broad platform, fair alike to both, would be of mutual benefit and that they would grow more rapidly together than separately.

Below are given expressions from a number of the most prominent business-men and property-holders of Manchester, and from them it will be seen that they are not now in a frame of mind to take kindly to the plan. Many seem to think the union of the two either will eventually come, but they the plan. Many seem to think the union of the two cities will eventually come, but they are not in favor of it at this time. Hereafter when Richmond's debt is proportionately as small as Manchester's they would not object to annexation on terms that they consider fair to the latter. Others, and of these there are many, perhaps a majority, are of opinion that Manchester can derive no possible good from the move and they are against it cutright.

It is quite certain that a vote at this time would result in the rejection of the proposition by large odds. But the citizens who were called on by the Dispatch reporter yesterday speak for themselves in the interviews following:

Judge William I. Clopton.

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"I am opposed to annexation for many reasons," said Judge William I Clopton, president of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce. "Under our present city government we have home rule, which greatly promotes the growth and improvement of the city. If Manchester were a mere ward of Richmond no attention would be paid to us. Our taxes would be collected here and spent in Richmond, and if we got any improvements we would either have to begor 'log-roll' for them. The first would be bad for us, and the latter would be bad for both.

A CARRER OF PROSPERITY. *Possessing the autonomy and spirit of full-fledged city Manchester is entering upon a career of prosperity and improvement second to one city only in the State, Roanoke. Our merchants and businessmen are pushing things and a great deal of money is being made here. If let alone we hope to be the third city in the Commonwealth by 1900.

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"In great part this is attributable to the Leader, a live evening newspaper we have here, and the kindness of the Dispatch to us.

"Richmond gets an immense trade from us. It would be very desirable for Richmond to pay some attention to the nuisances which the railroads commit in stopping Ninth and Fourteenth streets, which are our only modes of communication. A few more railroad tracks across these streets will compel our merchants to trade with Baltimore."

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Mr. J. E. Perdue.

Annexation has never had a more staunch advocate in Manchester than Mr. J. R. Perdue, who for twelve consecutive years has been president of the Council and the leader in all municipal affairs. To him is largely due the credit for the excellent condition in which the city's finances now are. "I am still an annexationist," said Mr. Perdue to the Dispacké man, who have him last night at his home, on Porter street. "The thing is obliged to come in time, and I think it would probably be as well, or perhaps better, for both sites that the step should be taken in the sear future. The move, however, would have to be made on the part of Richmond. I don't think Manchester will ever take the initiative step again after her experisnee in the past. In fact, I don't believe there are many people over here anyway who favor annexation, and a popular vote word much except in a sort of a superficial way about, the city's affairs, and the average citizen of Manchester is little better posted about the business of this city than of Richmond. With proper conditions made I don't see where Manchester could lose by annexation, but I am not at all advocating it, and am very well contented with Manchester as she is and as she is soon going to be. Richmond can never be the great city that she hopes to be without taking in Manchester, which lies in the area than hould by nature be embraced within her territory.

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such a wonderful growth in Manchester, nearly doubling its population and wealth since the last exhibit, all of which is confirmed by a visit to the place, that the people of Manchester would want the overtures made to them, and the advantages set out plainly, and the benefits enumerated, rather than make any movement in the direction named. The people of Richmond seem to have suddenly awakened to realize what an opportunity was rejected which was lately presented to them.

RENEFICIAL IP PROPERLY CONCEIVED. The annexation scheme finds little favor and has few adherents among the substantial citizens of Manchester.

In fact, the sentiment of her people is almost unanimously against allowing her to be absorbed by Richmond and made a ward or insignificant part of the big capital citizens of manchester.

HIMPORTRIA CONCEIVEM.

With good streets, splendid water supply, fine public-school buildings, and very important developments going on in and near Manchester it looks as if we will continue to lower our tax rate and offer between the public school buildings, and very important developments going on in and near Manchester it looks as if we will continue to be absorbed by Richmond and made a ward or insignificant part of the big capital citizens. And still annexation might be very beneficial if properly conceived and executed.

"She is extending out her arms and "She is extending out her arms and taking in the villages and outlying lands that hug her in, which cover one of the most beautiful series of plateau lands on this continent, on which she can grow and repose in the future, extending umlimitedly to the west and south. She has in easy access by an electric street-car line Forest-Hill Park, one of the most, if not the most, beautiful and picturesous spots in the beautiful and picturesque spots in the South, with its rich variety of hill and valley, south, with tericity are to find and value, stream and fountain. Her findness are in a splendid condition. Her people are orderly and industrious. She has a live newspaper—the Manchester Leader—the vigilant warder of her rights and prosperity that is ever watchful of her interests. MANCHESTER'S NEEDS.

"What does she hold to make her a large and great easy? More people, more manu-factories, more money invested in her en-terprises and the advancement of her in-

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from Richmond than we do now. Annexation will not add to our population, because every house that is built here finds
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are patient to all.

"Our feelings towards Richmond are friendly," Mr. Pulliam continued. "Her prosperity is our prosperity and vice versa. We sit in her lap and are embraced by her, we sit in her lap and are embraced by her, as it were, from the peculiar formation of James river. The time will soon come when Manchester will be strong enough to ask Richmond fo be annexed to her, and then we will be delighted to receive her into our household and feast her at our table."

Mr. Ben. P. Owen. Jr.

Said Mr. Ben. P. Owen, Jr., editor and proprietor of the *Evening Leader* and secre-ary of the Manchester Chamber of Comtary of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce: "Looking at the question of annexing Manchester to Richmond from a sentimental standpoint, it is very proper for the people of Richmond to take an affirmative stand, as Manchester would greatly add to the beauty of Richmond. Gazing at it from a public-spirit platform Richmond is justified in clamoring for Manchester to help increase her own public spirit. Viewing the question from a political standpoint Manchester's Democratic majority would give tone to Richmond's, and therefore Richmond is justified in urging annexation upon this ground.

THE RESINESS VIEW.

"But when you come down to a business question and the pocket nerves of the people are touched annexation just now is a Richmond enterprise in which Manchester had better not take stock, for the simple reason, as I have stated in my newspaper, that Richmond is not in a condition now to manifest as liberal a policy towards Manchester as Manchester is nowadopting for herself. Statistics will bear out the statement that the growth of Manchester during the past five years in realty values, in population, and in general improvements has in comparison far surpassed that of Richmond.

YOU COURT; I WILL RICK. THE BUSINESS VIEW.

"When I gaze upon Manchester's \$1,000,000 increase in realty values under the new assessment: behold the magnincent improvements that are being made in the streets; see three street-railway lines running through Manchester to Richmend; notice the new Belt Line; cite the increased number of manufacturing enterprises established here, and recall the snubbing Richmend gave us in that little annexation firitation of several years ago, I think I voice the sentiment of the people of Manchester when I say Richmond can do the courting this time, but Manchester will do the kicking."

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Mr. Ferdue referred to his experience in annexation moves heretofore and said he felt a little delicacy about discussing the matter, but it was one in which he feels great interest. He does not think, though, that the subject will be seriously considered in the near future.

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Mr. John E. Taylor.

This gentleman was Mayor of Manchester for several years, and has always taken a deep interest in the city's growth and prosperity. He has always been a sanguine believer in the success of her future, and an all occasions has taken pleasure in drawing attention to her natural resources and advantages. When met on the street yes, terday and saked his views on the advisability of annexation the ex-Mayor said:

"As a simple proposition unless Manchester has certain rights atrictly guarded and remedies to enforce these rights set out in the set of Assembly I would oppose the corresponding to the course of the proposition."

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No class of people are so competent to advise in matters of great public importance as those who are successful in their own business operations. To this class belongs Mr. J. P. Robinson, one of the most energetic and prosperous young business men of the city. "I am in favor of the proposition," he said, "if Richmond gives us reasonable terms. I think consolidation would result in mutual benefit to the two cities. In the first place it would be an economic move, for of course it is more expensive to run two governments than one. And, I believe, further, that we would be given more permanent improvements than one have gas at Richmond prices; a system of sewerage would be introduced at once and not wait until our streets are well paved and then have to tear them up to take the initial move if it is taken."

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pipes; we would have the protection of a fire department that must surely be more reliable than that which we now have, and we would have our streets lighted. The only three things that Manchester needs to make her grow even more rapidly than she is now doing are good streets, light for the streets, and private residences as well as sewerage.

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Some one present suggested that if Manchester was taken in by Richmond she might be treated no better than Rocketts, or orgon Hill, and some other districts now embraced in the corporate limits of the latter city. "Not a bit of it," Mr. Robinson replied. "Manchester would make one of the best wards in the entire city and would offer superior advantages as a section for residences, where the people are not so much cramped. My idea is to make the terms beforeland, know what we are to expect in the matter of improvement, and then Richmond will live up to it and there will be no misunderstanding. As I said before, I believe it would be mutually beneficial if a proper basis of annexation were adopted, but I am not at all bothered about it, as Manchester is doing well and suits me as she is."

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Mr. J. G. Hoit.

"I have not given the subject much thought," said Mr. J. G. Hoit, an enterprising young Hull-street merchant, "but I cannot see where annexation could do Manchester any harm. It seems to me that an arrangement might be made that would be fair to all and of benefit to the two cities. It all depends, I think, upon the conditions. I am not prepared to say really what course I should favor, but don't think I would go far wrong to vote for annexation if the claims of our growing city are properly recognized."

Mr. Charles L. Page.

"I might be considered a biassed judge," said Commonwealth's Attorney Charles L. Page with a smile. "Seriously speaking, though, I do not think Manchester should agree to being merged into Richmond. We are in a better financial condition than Richmond; our bended debt is light, whereas hers is near the limit; and our city is enjoying a season of prosperity and improvement, which I fear would be checked by the suggested union. Manchester is in pretty good condition now to take care of her own affairs, and it is but a matter of a few years when we will enjoy all the advantages of a big city."

Mr. Lawrence P. Pool.

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"Richmond years ago might with more sincerity have urged annexation," said Mr. Lawrence P. Pool. a young member of the bar, "but now she is in a position to need annexation and with no good to Manchester is brighter than for the big city of Richmond, and those who are urging annexation see this fact. It will be a big feather in the cap of Richmond. No sir, we do not want to be South Richmonders, but Manchesterians."

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Other Opinions.

Mr. J. H. Patteson, cashier of the Me-chanies' and Merchants' Bank: "I have really not considered the matter sufficient-ly to form any fixed opinion, and am not prepared to say which way I would vote." Dr. T. B. Dorsett: "Thave not interested myself in the matter at all, but can hardly see where Manchester would be benefited." myself in the matter at all, but can hardly see where Manchester would be benefited."
Mr. George E. Gary: "I am not disposed to discuss the subject at any length, but I am out-and-out opposed to annexation."
Chief-of-Police James A. Lipscomb: "I think Manchester can take care of herself. Richmond did not want her when she needed help, and she need not want her now when she is in a condition to help her-welf."

Owens: "I can see no good that would result from the move. In fact, I believe Manchester will be better off if left to her-

Manchester with self."

Mr. Charles Keller, a successful Hull-street merchant: "I have not thought a great deal about it, but I think I am rather in favor of annexation. Of course, we would have to fix upon terms, but I think it might be made mutually beneficial. The two would make a big and

ficial. The two would make a big and prosperous city."

Mr. W. B. Anderson: "I was heartily in favor of annexation several years ago, but am not so now. I was a member of the committee in whose hands the matter was placed and we were treated very indifferently. Our report was laid on the table by the Council, and it has never been taken up. No, I am opposed to annexation now since Manchester is doing so well."

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Mr. E. W. Weisiger: "I am opposed to annexation. There was a time when I favored it, but things have changed since then. This city is doing well by herself and can continue to do even better. Richmond is not in a condition, I don't think, to be of any benefit to us. We should be satisfied with well enough."

Mr. A. J. Bradley, owner of the Leader building and other property in the city and at the head of a large real estate business, said: "I am outright opposed to annexation. It means no good to us. We would be swallowed up and paid little attention to. Why even Richmond people owning property over here are opposed to

owning property over here are opposed to it. No, sir, no aunexation for me. The thing would be beaten almost fifty to one

by popular vote."
Messrs, Arthur T. and Julian C. Snell-Messrs, Arthur T. and Julian C. Snellings were equally as pronounced against annexation as Mr. Bradley. Both of them, like many other leading merchants seen, are in favor of Manchester staying to herself and continuing to improve. "All she needs," the latter said, "is gas and sewers, and she will soon get those I have no doubt. No, sir, we can get along without Richmond and we will do it. Our little city is improving as rapidly as we could ask." Mr. Arthur Snellings said he was tired of the way Richmond people make light of Manchester, and he thought if the merchants of the latter would make their purchases elsewhere for a while the big city would wake up and learn to appreciate her neighbor.

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One of the most interesting features of Friday night's meeting of Lee Camp was the substantial recognition of one of its officers for service rendered during the preparations for the unveiling of the Lee monument. Captain D. A. Brown, Jr., quartermaster, had charge of the commissary department on this occasion, and to his ability and zeal is due the fact that no old veteran lacked for a "lay-out" upon which to rest himself or rations in plenty. So the Veteran Committee of the Camp voted him a badge of the Camp gotten up in the handsomest style by the M. C. Selby Company, of Columbus, Ohno.

The presentation was made by Captain Spitzer on behalf of the committee and feelingly responded to by Captain Brown.

This bright society paper was yesterday issued by Mesers, Jefferson Wallace and Ellis W. Edwards, who have purchased it from Mr. Cabell Trueman.

Mr. Wallace, who is a graceful and scholarly writer, will be the editor and Mr. Edwards the business manager, a position for which he is well qualified.

The Critic has many friends and will grow in usefulness and prosperity.

Mr. Frank D. Crenshaw, of the firm of Crenshaw Brothers, of this city, visited Providence Forge on the 24th instant, and after transacting the business of his firm hired two men and a seine and went on a fishing-excursion. He met with remark-ble success, catching about fifty large rockfish, averaging eight pounds each in weight.

OUTLOOK FOR A FAIR.

GRATIFYING SUCCESS MET WITH IN RAISING THE GUARANTEE FUND.

Day-Public Meeting to Be Held-

Felix Keegan..... Sundry smaller amounts...

Two committees' work.

The above is what two committees accomplished with a partial canvass of their allotted districts. The Broad-street committee will not begin work until Monday. A number of firms have obligated themselves for subscriptions, but because of the absence of members of their respective firms cannot state exact amounts. One committee secured subscriptions amounting to more than \$1,500, and expects to increase that amount not less than \$1,000 during Monday's canvass.

MEETING OF EUSINESS-MEN.

President John B. Purcell, of the Cham-ber of Commerce, has expressed himself as entirely favorable to the movement, and entirely favorable to the movement, and will, as requested, call a meeting of business-men at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce early this week, when still further life will be infused in the undertaking. The committee appointed Friday evening to wait on him and make that request performed their duty yesterday afternoon. VIEWS OF CITIZENS.

With a view to ascertaining the sent with a view to ascreaming the same ment of the community with reference to holding a Fair, the *Dispatch* yesterday sought the opinions of a number of cit-zens, chiefly hotel-keepers and retailers, on the subject, and the result of the in-quiries is herewith presented:

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T. W. Wood, Esq.

"I think it is decidedly too late," said
Mr. T. W. Wood, of the firm of T. W.
Wood & Sons, "for us to think about gefting up a Fair. If it had been considered
at the time when the meetings were held in
the spring there would have been ample
time to carry out the plan, but now it is too
late. Every one has made up his priceities, and we could not possibly make arrangements in time. The matter ought to
have been attended to earlier."

George D. Thaxton, Esq. Fair," said Mr. George D. Thaxton, a leading wholesale dry-goods and notions merchant, "if we can get it up. I hardly know under what management it ought to be put. If everybody would do their duty and put up their money in the next four or five days I think we could get it up easily, though really it is a very hard matter to discuss. Those who are now promoting the plan think there will be no trouble in carrying it out."

Gustavus Millblser, Esq.

"I don't know whether we will have time enough or not," said Mr. Gustavus Millblser, who has always been an enthusiast on the question of holding State Fairs, "but of course the parties who generally take charge of the Fairs know more about that. My views are that we should have a Fair this year if possible, and in fact every year, or certainly every two years. As long as we have such a beautiful building and are braeging about our go-aheadness, we certainly ought not to give up the idea. It undoubtedly brings great numbers of people to the city.

THE MONEY SHOULD BE RAISED.

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"The principal drawback is the money, but if they were to hold a Fair for two weeks—that's my iden—there ought to be a hundred men in this town who would give \$100, and we would gladly contribute."

Speaking of the immense amount of money that such events bring to the city. Mr. Millhiser said: "During the Fair week we always have as much as we can do. Our trade then is with the country people, but after the Fair is over then the money is spent by the city folks, who have made money out of it, and this money is circulated largely among all classes of re-THE MONEY SHOULD BE RAISED. culated largely among all classes of re-

OF GREAT BENEFIT. "But even if we don't make money," continued Mr. Millhiser, "it will be of much benefit to the city. If the plan should fall through the building will rot away and show that the people of the State are lacking in enterprise."

Mr. W. H. Zimmerman. "Yes, I am heartily in favor of having a State Fair," remarked Mr. Zimmerman, proprietor of the Hotel Zimmerman, "as I don't think it is beneficial to the city to have such a long lapse of comparative idleness in that line. It certainly will be a benefit to all of our merchants, both directly and indirectly. rectly and indirectly.

"Let our Chamber of Commerce call a meeting of all the citizens and look into the matter. If no response is made then we will have to give the matter up."

"Why, certainly we ought to have a Fair," said Colonel John Murphy, proprietor of Murphy's European Hotel, "and what is more the less time we have to get it up in the more we can do. If we had plenty of time we would go about the work in a lazy sort of way and never end it. It is bound to pay. We have all the buildings ready, and there is nothing to prevent making it a great success. In a week or two we are going around to canvass the city for money, and I am certain that we can raise \$15,000. Colonel John Murphy.

THE MANAGEMENT. "My idea of management is that the Chamber of Commerce take charge of it and appoint committees to do the work. They have excellent material to select from, and under this plan I can see no possible reason why the thing won't be a great suc-cess and pay for every dollar invested." James Grigg, Esq.

"I agree," said Mr. James Grigg, one of the leading retail shoe-dealers of this city, "with Mr. Joseph Bryan, who says that the crops will be good this year, and that it will be an excellent opportunity to get the country people here. After a success-ful season they have a little money to spend, and want to eajoy some recreation. IT CAN BE DONE.

"The scheme could be carried through if work is commenced on it immediately, and laying aside my selfish motives (for my business is greatly increased on such occasions) I really think it would be an excellent idea.

"It's seems to me that if we could get save.

the Corner." "I am heartily in favor of getting it up. I see no reason why the merchants on Broad street don't make up a purse and carry the plan through. It would be of direct financial benefit to them.

Hon. Henry C. Semple, a prominent citizen of Montgomery. Ala., and a staunch Democrat, who is under treatment at St. Luke's Home, was called on by a Dispatch reporter yesterday and asked what action, if any, the South should take with reference to the force bill and whether he approved the proposition to boycott the North. He replied:

"I have been contined to my room by an inflammation of the eyes for some days, but have had read to me the articles in the Dispatch relating to General Gordon's pro-GOOD MANAGEES. "I really don't know under what management the thing ought to be placed, but with Mesers. Ashton Starke, Henry C. Jones, John B. Purcell, N. V. Randolph, and Archer Anderson at its head there would be no possible chance for failure."

Mr. Spence was of the opinion that a Fair was almost essential to Richmond, and strongly urged that we have one this fall if possible.

though we may have a very successful one to last for several days if not longer.

The business-men's meeting held at Sanger Hall Friday atternoon and fully reported in the Dispatch has given a decided impetus to the movement, enterprising persons are taking hold of the scheme in dead earnest, and it is sure to succeed.

The time is limited, but it is believed that with a \$10,000 or \$15,000 guarantee fund raised and the management placed in proper hands all arrangements can soon be made and the Fair will be made one of the I think the action of the Chamber of Com-merce of Richmond eminently wise so far as it roes, but that it would have been much better to condemn the project at once and decidedly as unwise and unstates-manlike. If anything could have insured the passage of the bill by the Senate the threat of this boycott would certainly have done it. As the Heraid well remarks, 'the people of the North sell their goods, but do not wish to sell their votes,' we of the South should always remember that the war has settled forever that revolution-

Mr. Charles H. Phillips.

Said the Pelice Commissioner from Jackson Ward: "I think it very necessary that a State Fair should be held this fall, but think the merchants on Broad street should take a more active part in it than they have in the past. They have formerly allowed and expected the Main-street merchants to hear the whole expense (with Mr. Charles H. Phillips. the war has settled forever that revolutio lowed and expected the Main-street mer-chants to bear the whole expense (with few exceptions), whilst they are really the ones who reap the most benefit and profit from them. All should be willing to di-yide the burden where all derive equal benefits.

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Mr. Henry F. Phillips.

"It's my opinion," said Mr. Henry F. Phillips. "Itat a State Exposition this fall is not only necessary, but will be of great advantage to our city, and I would suggest that the county exhibits be made a special feature—that is, to give several prizes ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 for the best collective exhibit and for special products. In this way we no doubt could get a greater portion of the counties interested and show up our resources in good shaps. I am more than pleased to see that our firoad street merchants have stirred, and hope they will take the lead this time. I should think two weeks would be just the right time."

The very efficient Secretary of the Virginia Mechanics' Institute was ticket-agent.

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"This measure, instead of weakening the determination of the southern people to exercise home rule in the management of State affairs, will intensity this resolution by uniting the whole white race of the South for what appears to them to be the necessity of self-defence. Many of the wisest men in the South now consider that secession was premature so long as the ment for Richmond. The feature of such an exhibition, in my judgment, should be county exhibits, and there should be seve-ral liberal premiums offered." CROPS IN THE STATE.

Corn, Tobacco, Hay, and Grasses Promising-Fruit a Failure.

it is up to the average.

The acreage planted in tobacco is not as large as usual, but the growing crop is very

Hay and grasses are far better with regard to quality than last year, when the wet weather injured these crops.

There is a total failure in the peach crop and there will be not over one fourth of the average yield of apples.
Potatoes are very good throughout the State and the crop in Tidewater and the Eastern Shore will be above the average.
The recent drought did not extend to every part of the State, the late rains have been general, and the farmers are encourged.

Committees Appointed—
Many Applications Received.
The standing committees of the Virginia Mechanics' Institute for the ensuing year have been announced by the president, Celonel Henry C. Jones, as follows:
On Schools—W. J. Whitehurst Achairman), Joseph W. Laube, John T. Chappell, William E. Simons, and C. E. Wingo.
On Exhibition—David A, Ainslie (chairman), William Simpkin, Henry E. Holms, Robert E. Munford, and E. R. Archer.
On Lectures—George W. Anderson do (chairman), Marx Gunst, and W. J. Weite, burst.

Two Games Yesterday Afternoon in Which
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The upper Arlington building has been rented for the next year, and the night received the property of the prope

minion clubs.

The Old Dominions were again defeated by a score of 11 to 10.

Palmer and Luck constituted the battery for the Old Dominions and Darby and Barker filled similar positions on the Ful-

Henrico Transfers.

Palmer was batted freely, while the heavy hitters of the Old Dominions could do nothing with Darby's curves.

Mr. James E. Grady acted as umpire and his decisions gave entire satisfaction.

The P. D. Q.'s and the picked nine of Mr. Ben. Minor crossed bats vesterday evening, and after much good playing the former gained the victory by a score of 9 to 0.

Henrico Transfers.

The following deeds of bargain and sale were recorded yesterday in the Henrico County Court:

Mary C. Allan to C. E. Belvin and L. T. Christian, 33 feet on the west side of Brook turnpike near Richmond, \$275.

A. R. Courtney, special commissioner, to Margaret A. Alley, 38 acres on Williamsburg or oad four miles from Richmond, \$250.

Rattling removal reductions on all goods. No

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A Visit to Richmond After an Absence of Twenty-Five Years.

Jo. Lane Stern, special commissioner and trustee, to Julia W. Morris, 69 feet on the Boulevard at the northwest corner of the Boulevard at the southwest corner of Erankin street, \$2,400.

Same to John Murphy, 69 feet on the Boulevard at the southwest corner of Broad street, and 210 feet on Frankin street in the southwest corner of Broad street, and 210 feet on Frankin street in the southwest corner of Sheppard, \$3,080.42.

Most Wonderful Spring Known, the Plummer Bramine Arsenic Spring for Frankin street, and 210 feet on Frankin street in the southeast corner of Sheppard, \$3,080.42.

No Fight in the Juli.

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The colored Young Men's Christian Association has begun its canvass for the \$1,500 needed to defray the expenses of the present vear's operations.

A donation of 110 new cloth-bound books was received by this association a few days ago. The library now numbers many hundreds of bound books.

The Debating Club on Friday night discussed the question: "Resolved, That Afro-Americans should emigrate to Africa." The subject was won by the negative.

Mr. Kean Much Better.

A letter received by a friend from Mountain Top. Nelson county, vesterday states that Mr. Otho G. Kean, who has been very ill for the last few days, is now much better and is considered to be out of danger.

Richmond and Danville Schedule.

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J. A. Gringo, Pace Block.

Important changes having been made in the running of trains on the Richmond and Danville railroad, persons who contemplate travelling on that road had better consult the schedule published in this paper.

A SOUTHERNER'S VIEWS. Mr. Semple Pronounced in His Opposition to the Boycott Idea.

WILL STRENGTHEN HOME BULE.

The Riverment Enterprises.

[Communicated.]

Lynchror, Va., July 28.—Great interest continues to be manifested here among all classes of our people in the progress of the work on the hivermont bridge. The contract for the masonry for the abuttments and piers will be awarded by the board at the regular meeting on Tuesday next. Many bidders are competing for the work. At the Tuesday's meeting the board will also consider several proposals for the erection of manufacturing plants and the electrical ine and also to consider a movement on the part of the citizens here to creek a grand hotel.

MILLER & RHOADS'

INVENTORY CLARANCE

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INFANTS' LONG CLOAKS,

Dispatch relating to General Gordon's project for a commercial boycott against the North and West as a means of preventing the passage of the force bill by the Senate. I think the action of the Chamber of Com-The Northwestern Mutual Life-Insurance Company offers no unusual or "special" contracts to any one-large or small in-surers are on precisely the same basis in

In addition to the famous Kimball Organs we have secured the agency for Story & Clarke Organs. This gives us the largest assortment of handsome cases that can be procured. The excellency of tone and du-

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Soi, J. Binswanger.

necessity of self-defence. Many of the wisest men in the South now consider that secession was premature so long as the Democracy continued in the majority in the House of Representatives and in the Senate of the United States.

"The action of the South in seceding from an apprehension of the effect of Mr. Lincoln's election produced that thorough unanimity in northern sentiment which was absolutely essential to the percetual union of the States and deprived our is one of the most iniquitous measures ever perpetrated upon a tree people, but even if it does pass Congress they cannot pass a bill that will compel you to keep that old inconvenient trunk of yours. Throw it away and buy a Roller-Tray Trunk. Sold by dealers. Made by H. W. Rountree & Brother, Richmond, Va.

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don M. Davis, Tyler, Texas, writes: "I was subject a number of years to spells of inflammatory rheumatism, which six bottles of B. B. H. thank Heaven, has entrely cured. I have not felt the slightest pain since,"

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Men of unlimited means hardly appreciate the value of just one dollar, but with the poor every dollar means so much toll and so much effort. It is a comfort to know that the poverty stricken invalid can derive so much good from so little expenditure, when they invest their dollars in B. R. B. Botanie Blood Balm.

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